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SUBJECT: SSOD: WORKING GROUP ON PROGRAM OF ACTION,
JUNE 6

1. SUMMARY: AT JUNE 6 AM MEETING, PROGRAM GROUP HEARD STATEMENTS NOTABLY FROM FRANCE, USSR, CHINA AND INDIA. GROUP PLANS TO MEET BRIEFLY JUNE 6 PM TO SELECT COORDINATOR FOR NUCLEAR ISSUES DRAFTING GROUP, AFTER WHICH THAT DRAFTING GROUP WILL HOLD ITS INITIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FRANCE - FRENCH REP STATED THAT SINCE THE TWO MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS HAVE SUCH SUPERIORITY IN THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF THEIR NUCLEAR WARHEADS, THERE MAY BE NEED FOR DIFFERENCE TERMINOLOGY IN THE PROGRAM ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THESE TWO POWERS IN REGARD TO DISARMAMENT.

3. USSR - USSR REP (FOKIN) STATED THERE IS "NO
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TYPE" OF ARMAMENTS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO LIMIT AND PROHIBIT ON A MUTUAL BASIS WITH OTHER STATES. HE REITERATED SOVIET POSITION THAT PROGRAM SHOULD CALL FOR PRACTICAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN OVER A PERIOD OF TIME AND REPEATED POSITIONS TAKEN IN GROMYKO GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH ON ERW, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TALKS AND WORLD TREATY ON NON-USE OF FORCE. MOST

NOTEWORTHY WAS FOKIN'S EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER RECENT MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH KOREA. HE CRITICIZED RECENT US/ROK JOINT MANEUVERS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS LARGEST SINCE KOREAN CEASEFIRE, AND HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND MDW'S FROM KOREAN PENINSULA.

4. CHINA - HAVING COMMENTED ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SECTIONS ON PREVIOUS DAY (USUN 2285), PRC REP SAID HE WOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON OTHER PARTS OF DRAFT PROGRAM. HE STATED THAT IN AREA OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, AS IN NUCLEAR AREA, LARGE ARSENALS OF THE TWO POWERS REPRESENT GREATEST THREAT TO PEACE. HE SAID CHINA WISHES TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN SECTION ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS STATING THAT NECESSARY FIRST STEP MUST BE MAJOR REDUCTIONS BY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. IN MEANTIME, HE SAID COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD SHOULD BUILD UP THEIR NATIONAL DEFENSES RATHER THAN DISARM.PRC REP ADDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE LANGUAGE IN SECTION ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, STATING THAT TWO SUPERPOWERS MUST BE THE FIRST TO REDUCE IN THIS AREA AS WELL. HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING SUCH STEPS BY SUPERPOWERS, OTHER NWS AND MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT NATIONS WOULD BE ASKED TO UNDERTAKE REDUCTIONS. ON CBMS, PRC REP SUPPORTED ROMANIAN LANGUAGE IN PROGRAM PROHIBITING CONCENTRATIONS OF TROOPS IN BORDER AREAS. HE ALSO CALLED FOR DELETION OF REFERENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO A TREATY ON NON-USE OF FORCE.

5. INDIA - INDIA REP (VELLODI) CALLED ON STATES WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS OUTSIDE OF UN AUSPICES TO KEEP THE UN "DULY INFORMED" OF SUCH EFFORTS. HE SAID THIS WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO INDIA AND OTHERS, AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUCH NATIONS WILL REPORT TO THE UN "AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS". VELLODI SAID SUCH REPORTS WOULD HAVE BEARING ON PROGRAM OF ACTION IMPLYING THAT INDIA WOULD LIKE TO SEE GREATERDETAIL IN PROGRAM CONCERNING ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS. YOUNG

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